

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yoichiro KURITA

Serial No.:

10/002,198

Group Art Unit:

2831

Filed:

December 5, 2001

Examiner:

Lee, Jinhee J.

For:

ELECTRIC TERMINAL FOR AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2003, please consider the following:

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (e.g., drawn to an electric terminal as defined by claims 1-23), without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Further, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority document filed on December 5, 2001.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a <u>telephonic or personal interview</u>.

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A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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